

SENATOR CHIZEK: Call the question.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Chizek moves the previous question to cease debate. Do I see five hands, please? Do I see five hands? I do. All in favor of ceasing debate please signify by voting aye, those opposed no. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BARRETT: Debate is ceased. Senator Hoagland, will you be closing?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I will, Senator Barrett. Prior to Senator Johnson's speech I said to Vard, Vard, now is the time for you to draw down to the well of your greatest eloquence and the best reasons for advancing this proposal that you can articulate, and he did that in his customary way and I hope you were listening to the reasons Senator Johnson gave, the reasons Senator DeCamp gave, who also gave a fine speech and others who have advocated this proposal because it is something we need badly in the State of Nebraska. Only seven universities in five states select their regents the way we do here in Nebraska. Every other major public university in the country appoints its regents. Our system for electing regents goes back to the nineteenth century. It has been imbedded in the Nebraska Constitution for that long and we do a lot of things differently here in Nebraska and we're proud of doing a lot of things differently here in Nebraska, but this is one case I think where we should follow the example set by the overwhelming majority of other public universities in this nation. The Governor's study on higher education headed by Willis Strauss, who as you know has just last week announced his retirement as Chairman of HNG-Internorth in Omaha and in Texas, came up with this as one of its essential recommendations and as Senator Wesely has indicated, I hope that all of you will recognize the extent to which we see Mr. Strauss's fine hand behind this bill and allow that to allay concerns you might have about this proposal. Mr. Strauss is as proficient and as respected as any businessman we have had in Nebraska in years and years. Now there has been a lot of concern about the need for reorganizing higher education, to make it operate more efficiently. Senator Nichol has indicated that people are